(iv) Literature

834. The number of books registered during the year was 176 (185).

(v) The Mysore Government Museum.

835. Steps were being taken for the gradual elimination of the deteriorated specimens of the Natural History section and arrangements were also made to acquire fresh specimens to replace the old ones. With a view to develop the photographic section in the Museum to expand the educational activities by means of photographs and lantern slides of groups of exhibits displayed in the various sections, a camera was acquired during the year.

836. Arrangements were being made for the acquisition of a complete set of specimens illustrating the several stages in the extraction of gold at the Bellara Gold Mines, Tumkur District. Geology.

837. Several isolated pieces of ancient sculpture of good workmanship, pertaining to the periods of Ganga and Hoyasala periods, exposed to sun and rain in many places of the State, *viz.*, Halebid, Hassan District, Begur, Bangalore District, Sosale and Talkad, Mysore District and in the Department of Archæology, Mysore have been marked and selected for preservation in the Museum. Archæology

838. The Superintendent, Archæological Section, Indian Museum, Calcutta has intended to display the replicas of certain Hoysala pieces of sculpture exhibited in the Mysore Government Museum in the Archæological Section of the Indian Museum.

839. The systematic guide lectures to students from Primary Schools on History, Fauna, Flora and Industries of Mysore were being delivered as usual on Saturday mornings. Usual explanatory talks to illiterate visitors formed an essential feature of the educational work of the institution. Six thousand, seven hundred and forty-five students belonging to 135 schools and colleges accompanied by 174 teachers paid study visits to the Museum. The total number of visitors who visited the Museum during the year was 2,34,598 (4,94,437).

840. The grant for the Museum for the year was Rs. 10,400 (Rs. 9,994).